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SEPTEMBER 11 COMMEMORATIVE ACTIVITIES IN MANILA

President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo attended the U.S. Mission-sponsored Commemorative Concert for the Victims and Heroes of the September 11 at the Cultural Center of the Philippines on September 11. The Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra performed Copeland's *A Fanfare for the Common Man*, Barber's *Adagio for Strings*, and Mozart's *Requiem*. The audience of 1200 distinguished Filipinos, diplomats, Americans, and family members of Filipinos who perished in the September 11 attacks observed a moment of silence, heard commemorative remarks by Ambassador Ricciardone, and viewed a seven-minute video produced by the Public Affairs Section. Each attendee also received a full-color copy of the U.S. government electronic journal "Victims and Heroes." Portions of the event were broadcast live and rebroadcast on national TV networks.

In addition to the memorial concert, the Public Affairs Section supported a number of media activities to mark the first anniversary of September 11. The Embassy Internet website carried a page "In Memoriam: September 11, 2001"



President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo with family members of Filipinos who perished in the September 11 attacks.

featuring links to official USG statements and related materials. The Press Office videotaped an official message from Ambassador Ricciardone which was aired throughout the day on radio and television news programs. Similarly, American

Embassy Television Network-produced video materials, including the "Victims and Heroes" tribute and the 45-minute documentary "Covering Catastrophe," were aired on September 10 and 11 news specials on local television networks.



Secretary of State Colin L. Powell with Embassy Superior Honor Awardees recognized for their efforts during the Burnham hostage crisis. Information Officer Karen Kelley (second from right in front row) was recognized for her media relations work during the hostage crisis. The U.S. Secretary of State was in Manila from August 2-3, 2002.

ASRCs Support Memorial Programs in Observance of 9-11

The ASRC at Xavier University commemorated September 11 with a symposium on terrorism featuring Stephen Ruker of the US Embassy and Maj. Gen. Alfonso Dagudag, 4ID Commanding General. The paper show "Headlines of History: 9-11" was exhibited at the university library. Over 200 participants, comprising faculty, students and representatives from the local government and business communities attended the symposium and viewed the exhibit.

The ASRC of Ateneo de Zamboanga University exhibited the "Headlines of History 9-11" the whole month of September. The university observed a moment of silence and offered prayers for

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Brent School Headmaster Don Holmes views the "Headlines of History: 9/11" display at Brent's Baguio campus.

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world peace on September 11, and the library's Audio-Visual Center facilitated the screening of Cable TV's commemorative

programs at the university's Carlos Dominguez Conference Hall.

The ASRC in Iloilo City exhibited "Headlines of History 9-11" June 18 – July 10 at Central Philippine University, and July

11-30 at Western Visayas College of Science and Technology. CPU also featured a display of books and materials on Terrorism and Conflict management June 18 – September 15.

The ASRC of St. Louis University supported a series of programs September 4-6 at St. Louis University, the Philippine Military Academy, Baguio Colleges Foundation, Brent School, University of Baguio and Easter College. The series of memorial activities was dubbed "Envisioning a Generation of Peace," and included a photo exhibit, essay-writing and poem-composing contests, a film showing, and a symposium titled "Dialogue on Peace – Student Perspectives." The September 11 tragedy was remembered through the paper show "Headlines of History: 9-11" and with prayers, songs, and formal presentations. PAEF Educational Advising Center Director E.C. Cunanan joined in the activities organized at Brent School. The event there was made more meaningful with the reading of Brent student Enrico Subido's Palanca Kabataan Essay Award winning piece entitled "Waging War for Humanity: A Battle for Peace."

Program News

American Speaker Calls for People-Oriented Reforms

Walter Russell Mead, senior fellow for U.S. foreign policy at the Council on Foreign Relations, conducted a series of lectures on strategic and economic implications of the war against terrorism during a five-day program in Manila, September 2-7, 2002. He met with students and professors of Political Economy at the University of Asia and the Pacific, members of the diplomatic corps at the Policy Center of the Asian Institute of Management, 100 members of the inter-agency anti-terrorism task force of the Security Studies program of the Foreign Service Institute, and 50 staffers at the Senate of the Philippines. He appeared on two ABS-CBN programs, Gene Orejana's "Online" and "Business Daily," and an interview published in "Business World" headlined his message "Post-September 11 world needs people-oriented reforms." In all of his talks, Mead emphasized that the United States is once

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U.S. Embassy Welcomes New Counselor for Public Affairs



Ronald J. Post at the U.S. Ambassador's reception in his honor. Ambassador Ricciardone introduces Ron and Gi Won Post.

Ronald J. Post began his tenure as Manila's Counselor for Public Affairs August 10, 2002. Prior to his assignment to the Philippines, He was Public Affairs Counselor in Rangoon, Burma. In the mid-1990s, he spent three years as USIA advisor to the Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Pacific Command in Honolulu, Hawaii. In addition to Washington assignments as

deputy chief of the U.S. Information Agency's Training Division and deputy chief of USIA's Executive Secretariat, he was Cultural Affairs Officer in Vienna, Seoul, Abidjan, and Vientiane. He has a master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Southern California and served as an U.S. Army Public Affairs Officer in Seoul, Korea before joining the Foreign Service.



Janet Wilgus and Craig Dicker join with Acting PAO Tom Kral, PAEF Executive Director Alex Calata and leading figures in English language education at the Philippine-American Educational Foundation.

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again prepared to commit its full energy through a newly energized foreign policy. Addressing local concerns, Mead said that the September 11 tragedy not only became the lens through which the United States saw the rest of the world, but it also illuminated the end of the Asian miracle. Mead sees the American public as willing to sacrifice parochial interests for the world's greater good.

U.S. Speaker Addresses International Conference on Federalism

Rodger Randle, Professor of Studies of Democracy and Culture at the University of Oklahoma, Tulsa and former State of Oklahoma Representative and Senator, spoke at the Second International Conference on Decentralization sponsored by the Center for Local and Regional Governance, United Nations Development Programme-Philippines, Canada-based Forum of Federations, World Bank Institute, and the Office of Philippine Senator Aquilino Pimentel from July 25 to 27. Over 200 delegates attended the conference from more than 22 countries. In his two sessions, Professor Randle described the United States' experience with federalism and his personal

experience with capacity building while in the Oklahoma State legislature .

Professor Randle also participated in a 45-minute, live cable television interview on "On Line." Providing an outline of the

development of federalism in the U.S., Professor Randle warned the audience of the "danger to see government structural change as the sole solution to a problem." He suggested that the Philippines should first "identify the problem they wish to solve" and then "design the government structure to address this concern." Federalism, he argued, can allow for greater government efficiency and effectiveness, but does not guarantee success. Sixty-two percent of the random audience poll conducted during the program supported the introduction of federalism in the Philippines.

English Teaching Officers Visit RP

The Chief of the U.S. State Department's Office of English Language Programs, Janet Wilgus, and the Regional English Language Officer for Southeast Asia, Craig Dicker, traveled to the Philippines in early August to explore options for English language education programs to support Philippine efforts, governmental and private, to foster social and economic development and counter the conditions that breed terrorism. In a comprehensive program designed by Cultural Affairs Officer Thomas Kral, they made visits to schools and universities in Metro Manila and Mindanao.

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Acting PAO Thomas Kral on the campus of Jamiat Muslim Mindanao. MSU President Camar Umpa is third from right.

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While in Manila, the English language specialists met Secretary Mona Valisno, Special Assistant to the President on Education, Dr. Fe Hidalgo of the Department of Education, former Secretary of DECS, and leader in language education policy studies Brother Andrew Gonzalez, and representatives of the Philippine Association of Language Teachers, the Linguistic Society of the Philippines, the Reading Association of the Philippines, and the Association for Research and Teaching of English. They met with officials from USAID, the Philippine-American Educational Foundation (PAEF), the Asia Foundation and the Peace Corps. A highlight of their time in Manila was a visit to a K-10 madrassah, the Maharlika Village Islamic Madrassah in suburban Taguig, arranged by Assistant Secretary of the Department of the Interior and Local Government and IV alumnus Abraham Iribani.

Joining with Cultural Affairs Specialist Tony Perez, TJIC Director Eva Brillo and USAID program officer Jojie Daoay, CAO Kral and the English language specialists traveled to Mindanao for a short visit to the Iligan Institute of Technology in Iligan and an overnight stay at Mindanao State University in Marawi City. MSU President, Dr. Camar A. Umpa welcomed the group, led an on-campus convocation program, and hosted a Muslim pagana, or reception, in honor of the visitors. He arranged visits to Dansalan College, a private school originally established by American missionaries, and the Jamiat Muslim Mindanao, a large madrassah that offers a



English Language Programs Chief Janet Wilgus, Regional English Language Officer Craig Dicker, Acting PAO Thomas Kral and Assistant Secretary Abraham Iribani stand with the staff of the Maharlika Village Islamic Madrassah in Taguig.

comprehensive, elementary through university level education.

local schools and universities and regional festivals.

Davao Muslim Youth Participate in Sister City Exchange with Tacoma Washington

In collaboration with the Office of Citizen Exchanges of the Department of State, the Public Affairs Section supported a 16-day cultural exchange, July 27-August 14, for five young Muslim women, aged 15-17 years old. The participants, all public high school students in Davao, Mindanao's largest city, stayed with Filipino-American families and participated in a range of activities including visits to mosques and Islamic centers in Tacoma and Seattle,

Drawing on the Sister City relationship between Davao and Tacoma, the Office of Citizen Exchanges identified the Pilipino-American Youth Organization (PAYO) as its Tacoma partner. The program exposed the young women to American society and values and the rights enjoyed by members of the Islamic faith to practice their religion in an environment of acceptance and tolerance.

RELO Conducts Language Education Institute at Ateneo De Manila University

Regional English Language Officer (RELO) Craig Dicker offered two graduate-level institutes on sociological and anthropological approaches to language learning and literacy at Ateneo de Manila University. Instructors and MA students from ten universities in metro-Manila participated in the two twenty-hour programs, August 1-3 and August 8-10, 2002. Participants examined the cultural and sociological dimensions of their language programs, identifying biases and obstacles that may limit access by students from different ethnic, socio-economic or religious backgrounds. American research in the area of minority education was highlighted, including reports on differing attitudes toward schools held by different social and ethnic groups and varying patterns of language usage in



Davao visitors and their American hosts at Mt. Rainer National Park.

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Ambassador and Mrs. Francis Ricciardone greet Mr. Aniceto Sobrepeña, Chairman of the International Visitor Program-Philippines Foundation, Inc. (IVP-PHIL), at the August 16 oath-taking ceremony for IVP-PHIL's new board members.

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minority homes. Dr. Dicker led participants in a thorough examination of the implications that these studies hold for Philippine-based projects.

PAEF News

Conducts Pre-Departure Orientation for 54 Grantees

The Philippine-American Educational Foundation (PAEF) conducted a pre-departure orientation program, July 8-9, for Mindanao. Acting Public Affairs Officer Thomas Kral delivered the welcoming remarks for the two-day program, and Chargé d'Affaires Robert Fitts was the luncheon speaker on the first day. The closing reception attracted more than 100 people, including members of the Fulbright, Humphrey and EAST-West Center alumni associations.

Agriculture Secretary Leonardo Montemayor met with 39 recipients of the Fulbright-Philippine Agriculture Scholarship for a two-hour breakfast colloquium on July 10. The two-hour exchange was characterized by substantive discussion on structural and policy changes within the Philippine government and private sectors that would better incorporate returning

agricultural specialists into the national system.

Fulbright Senior Scholar Reports on Surviving World War II Comfort Women

Before an audience of 80 scholars and representatives of the NGO community at the PAEF Office, July 16, Fulbright Senior Scholar Evelina Galang reported on the research she has been conducting for a book of essays entitled *Lola's House* (*Grandma's House*) which is based on the

lives of surviving Filipina comfort women of World War II. Historians estimate that 1000 Filipinas were kidnapped and imprisoned by Japanese soldiers during the war to act as military sex slaves.

Accompanied by 20 of these victims, Evelina Galang shared her long journey of research, discovery and transformation as she documented the testimonies of surviving comfort women, endearingly referred to as the "lolas." The "lolas" performed a song affirming their survival and gave a personal account of what they endured. At least 173 Filipina women have stepped forward in the last ten years, despite cultural taboos, to tell their stories.

American Studies

Philippine Delegation Attends Religious Pluralism Conference in KL

Mr. Suharto Ambolodto and Bishop Antonio Ledesma, recent participants in the U.S. Embassy's International Visitor program on "Religion in the U.S.", and Dr. Oscar V. Campomanes, editor of the journal "American Studies Asia" and professor of Literature and Philippine Languages at De La Salle University, participated in a conference on "Religious Pluralism in Democratic Societies" August 20 – 21 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The event was cosponsored by the U.S.

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One of the "lolas" displaying a quilt presented to Fulbrighter Evelina Galang. Two of the messages which the "lolas" inscribed on the quilt read: "December 20, 1942: This is where I was captured in Barrio Esperanza," and "Upon arriving in town I was tied up and whipped."



The new board of IVP-PHIL with Ambassador Ricciardone. From left: Mayor Baniyas, Mr. Abad, Dr. Estanislao, Ms. Guillen, Justice Elepaño, Mr. Sobrepeña, and Atty. Advento (partly hidden).

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Embassy in Kuala Lumpur and the Malaysian Association for American Studies (MAAS) and brought together over 270 scholars, government leaders, journalists, religious officials. They included alumni of the Fulbright program, International Visitors Program and Fulbright American Studies Summer Institutes from the Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia, India, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Singapore, Hong Kong and Taiwan.

Representatives from each of those 10 countries met on the margins of the conference to reinvigorate the Asian Federation on American Studies Associations (AFASA). During their business meeting, Oscar Campomanes was elected one of the organization's vice-presidents.

Among the highlights of the conference were keynote addresses by Professor Diana Eck of Harvard University, author of *A New Religious America* and Director of the Pluralism Project, a dinner speech by Tan Sri Musa Hitam, former Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia, and former Chair of the UN Human Rights Commission, welcoming remarks by U.S. Ambassador to Malaysia, Marie Huhtala; and dinner prayers offered by five senior Malaysian religious leaders, the first time in anyone's memory that spiritual leaders

of Malaysia's five major religions had ever appeared on the same stage.

SLU Professor Participates in U.S. Foreign Policy Institute in Hong Kong

Professor Milo S. Distor of the Department of Political Science at Saint Louis University (SLU), Baguio City, attended the American Studies Summer Institute on "The Role of Congress in American Foreign Policy" in Hong Kong August 4 – 10. The institute was organized by the Hong Kong America Center and the City University of Hong Kong.

The institute provided participants an understanding of the unique role played by the United States Congress in the making of American foreign policy, and explored the constitutional basis for this role as well as the structures and dynamics of Congress engaged in foreign affairs. The institute also addressed current topical issues that affect Asian countries.

Filipino Professors Participate in American Studies Institutes in the U.S.

Professor Ramon Carlo Galicia of the Asia-Pacific Studies Program of the University of Asia and the Pacific participated in the American Studies Summer Institute on "The Civilization of the United States" at New York University, June 16 – July 27. The institute, which was

conducted by the Multinational Institute of American Studies, included a residency at New York University and visits to New England, the Southwest, and Washington, D.C.

Professor Martin Escobido, Jr. of the Social Science and Education Division of Ateneo de Davao University participated in the American Studies Summer Institute on "The U.S. Political System: Origin, Structure and Contemporary Issues" at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, June 21 – August 3. The program included a residency at Southern Illinois University and a visit to Washington, D.C.

Professor Samuel Anonas of the Political Science Department at Mindanao State University, Marawi City, participated in the American Studies Summer Institute on "The U.S. Constitution: Origins, Evolution and Contemporary Issues" at Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania, June 28 – August 10. The program included a residency at Lafayette College and visits to Philadelphia, New York City, Colorado, and New Mexico.

Dean Carmen Abubakar of the Institute of Islamic Studies at the University of the Philippines is participating in the American Studies Fall Institute in "Religion in Contemporary America: Church, State and Society" at the BOISI Center for Religion and Public Life, Boston College, September 14 – October 12. The program will include visits to Los Angeles, Pasadena, and Anaheim.

Filipino Educators Participate in Summer Studies Programs Organized by The Center for Asia-Pacific Exchange

The national president of the American Studies Association of the Philippines and professor of the Department of English and Literature at the Ateneo de Manila University, Dr. Guillermo Pesigan, and Ms. Illuminada Yap, director of the American Studies Resource Center at Ateneo de Zamboanga University, participated in the 22nd Annual American Studies Forum on the topic "Presidentialism and Other Forms of Democratic Representation." Of particular relevance were the sessions focused on federalism, human rights, local cultures, religious conflict and religious accommodation.

The chairperson of the English Department of Xavier University, Professor

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Mark Labuntog participated in the 31st Workshop for Asian-Pacific Teachers of English, which surveyed the latest trends in language teaching.

Both institutes were held on the campus of the University of Hawaii in Manoa for ten days in early August.

Filipino Writers Fly to Iowa

Poet Marjorie Evasco-Pernia, director of the Bienvenido N. Santos Creative Writing and Research Center at De La Salle University, and novelist Charlson Ong, lecturer at the Department of English and Comparative Literature at the University of the Philippines in Diliman, are this year's participants in the Iowa International Writing Program (IWP). The program dates are August 26 – November 19, 2002. Following the Iowa residency, the writers will embark on a ten-day period of optional travel within the United States. The program will conclude with a reading of works and an evaluation session in Washington, D.C.

Since 1967, nearly a thousand writers from more than 115 countries have attended the IWP at the University of Iowa. The IWP introduces talented international writers to American life, enables them to participate in American university life and provides a setting and blocks of time conducive for further creative output.

In addition to their programs in Iowa, Ms. Evasco and Mr. Ong will visit New York City to meet writers of the Asian American Writers Workshop and read poetry at the Dodge Poetry Festival. They will also visit Honolulu enroute to Manila.

Ms. Evasco received the Manila Critics Circle award for Best Autobiography for her book *A Life Shaped by Music* during the September 2000 International Book Fair.

IRC News

Library Of America Presentation

PAO Ronald J. Post and CAO Thomas Kral presented sets of the Library of America Collection during courtesy calls on heads of the University of the Philippines in

Diliman, De La Salle University, and Miriam College. The Library of America Collection is a hardbound series of 100 volumes showcasing the works of major authors in American philosophy, history and literature.

TJIC Provides Orientation on Digital Libraries to Local University Students

Students of the Central Colleges of the Philippines, accompanied by their teacher, visited the Thomas Jefferson Information Center on September 3 to interview the TJIC Director about digital libraries. After a brief discussion of the concept of digital libraries, their development and impact on traditional libraries and education, the students were introduced to two digital libraries created by the U.S. government: InfoUSA by the State Department's Bureau of International Information Programs, and American Memory by the Library of Congress.

On September 6, twenty education students and the academic coordinator of the OB Montessori Center, Inc. visited the TJIC to look into information sources for instructional purposes. The TJIC staff introduced them to the IIP, U.S. Embassy Manila and TJIC web sites, particularly the "Study of the U.S." and the English Language Programs web sites.

What's New on the Net

The TJIC staff completed the renovation of the TJIC web site to make it easier for

researchers to download items disseminated through its Current Awareness Service. A "What's New" section has been added to the site. The section offers links to the full texts of articles, documents, and reports listed in TJIC's various outreach services. The TJIC web site can be directly accessed at: <http://usembassy.state.gov/manila/wwwwh2002.html>.

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University of the Philippines President Francisco Nemenzo, PAO Ronald J. Post and CAO Thomas J. Kral look over the set of the "Library of America" collection during a courtesy call at U.P.

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PAO Ronald J. Post checks the online database at De La Salle University's ASRC. Standing next to him is ASRC Director Jocelyn Ladlad.



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